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[Despatch Abstract.]

Refuggees- Hyderabad Refugees- Formation of Relief Committees in the Districts- Papers Recorded.

Extract from a representation made to H.E. on tour of Guntur District By Sri Maddi Sudarsanam, MLC at an interview.

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Many refugees are pouring into these parts from Nizam Dominions. Suitable Committees of officials and non-officials under the Chairman-ship of the Collectors concerned, will have to be set up forthwith, to safeguard the interests of the refugees, especially in muffassil parts.

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Very Urgent.

Memo. No. 1829/48-1 dated 17-7-1948.

Refugees from Hyderabad State- Relief Setting up of committees.

An extract from a representation made to His Excellency by Sri Maddi Sudarsanam MLC in his tour of the Guntur District regarding the setting up of committees in Districts to safeguard the interests of refugees from Hyderabad State is forwarded to the Collectors of the districts noted in the margin for their views on the suggestion. They may also consult some influential non-officials in the District in the matter.

Krishna
E. Godavari
W. Godvari
Guntur
Kurnool
Bellary.

To the Collectors noted in the margin.

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Refugees from Hyderabad (Dn) - Relief- Formation of Committees.

Ref: From the P.S.G. D.O. dated 7-7-1948.

Please see the P.S.G's DO and its enclosures at pp 1-3 cf. The views of Collectors of some border Districts may be invited on the suggestion of Rs. M. Sudarsanam. to form committees of officials and non-officials under the Chairman ship of the collectors to safeguard the interests of the refugees from Hyderabad State. Subject to orders a draft memo is submitted for approval.

I have included Bellary also.

(Issued Memo No. 1829 Pub (Ref) D/17-7-1948.)

Sri Maddi Sudarsanam, MLC Guntur made a representation to His Excellency the Governor while on tour in the Guntur District that suitable Committees of officials and non-officials under the Chairman-ship of the collectors concerned might be set up to safeguard the interests of the refugees, especially the muffassil parts. On this suggestion, the remarks of the Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Kurnool and Bellary have been invited. They are at pp 7-17 cf. The suggestion has been generally accepted by all the Collectors mentioned above except the Collector of West Godavari.

The Collector of East Godavari reports that the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bhadrachalam has formed already small committees and he may be allowed to exercise all the powers of the Chairman subject to the general supervision of the Collector (Chairman). The local officials may be made members of the Committee in addition to the non-officials nominated by the Collector.

The Collector of Kurnool suggests that the Committee should be a small one consisting of a representative of the State congress one of the local M.L.A.s and a lady preferably a social worker. The Collector should be the Chairman and the Head Works R.D.O., the Secretary. The Committee should be purely an advisory body. T.A. need not be paid to non-official members.

The Collector of Bellary suggests that R.D.Os Dt. Health Officer, and D.S.P. may be nominated. As regards non-officials, their selection for appointment should depend upon their local influence and capacity for organisation. The inclusion of such non-officials will help a good deal in getting donations, in inspecting camps and checking of abuses by unscrupulous officials. The non-official members will work in an advisory capacity.

The Collector of Guntur reports that on opening camps, non-official committees with influential local men would be formed. He has now issued instructions to Coopt village officers and other local suitable officers. He has addressed the Secretary, the District Congress Committee to suggest the names of some social workers to look after the welfare of the refugees. He is of the opinion that a Dt. Committee is not necessary in view of the formation of the moffussil committees.

The Collector of Krishna reports that committees consisting of officials and non-officials have been already formed at Vijayawada, Gudivada and Masulipatam and they are working.

The Collector of West Godvari is against the suggestion of the MLC for the reason that it will not be desirable to

to communicate information regarding the border problems to more people than necessary.

Recently we received a communication from State Congress organization containing suggestions for relief of the Hyderabad refugees. In the last para on p 5 cf. in L.F. proposed items of relief are mentioned. The Collector of Bellary in his letter dated 26-8-1948 sent a report about the revival activities of certain congress offices in his district and how he advised them to coordinate their activities and be helpful to the authorities.

In Madras we have the Refugee Relief Committee to look after the welfare of the Pakistan Refugees. It has the undermentioned aims and objects:---

(1) to invite subscriptions for the Fund.

(2) to have a general supervision and control over the management of all refugee camps,

(3) to look after the general welfare of the refugees, and

(4) to take steps to rehabilitate the refugees.

This Committee is a big one and has four sub-committees, viz. the Finance, Welfare, Ladies and Medical Relief sub-committees.

It may be stated that in the case of the Hyderabad refugees there is no question of rehabilitation. Whatever relief that may be arranged is all temporary;; he refugees will soon be able to go back to their places in the state.

Therefore the proposed Committees in the districts may consist of few members and they can assist the Collector in looking after the general welfare of the refugees. The Committees are also necessary to send all the refugees back to Hyderabad in an orderly manner. If necessary Collectors may form Central Committees in the districts, but it may perhaps be left to their discretion. The proposal to constitute relief committees may perhaps be agreed to. They will prove useful if they are composed of influential persons who can collect donations and charities from the public for the refugees and supplement the relief given by the Government to the refugees. The non-official members of the committees may listen to the grievances of the refugees and address the camp officers to look into them. Officers in charge of camps may before sending up reports to the Collector on matters relating to relief and distribution, consult these committees.
For orders.

I think thse temporary camps for Hyderabad refugees maintained at Government expense should be enterely under official control . The Collectors may constitute suitable District and local Committees consiting enterely of non-officials (1) to visit the camps, make suggestions and transmit legitimate complaints, (2) to collect donations, if the committees think fit, for supplementing the allowances given by the Government; and (3) generally advice the collector and the officials in charge in regard to this refugee problem.

We expect Hyderbad to get 'normal' soon now so that the refugees can all go back to their places in that state.

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